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NEWS FROM: Investigation Division

Department of Public Safety Investigation Division Brings Counter Drug Task Force Training to Carson City

Seminar offers attendees one of the most comprehensive counter drug programs available in the US

Carson City, NV~Police officers specializing in counter drug enforcement are attending training classes in Carson City May 8-19, 2006. Originally developed at the Southeast Public Safety Institute of St. Petersburg, Florida, this curriculum of courses is designed to train law enforcement officers who are assigned to multi jurisdictional drug task forces.

The ten-day training progresses from classroom lectures to “real life” scenarios which compel students to use available resources to develop an investigation and carry it through successful prosecution to the courtroom. The program begins with classroom lectures, which provide the knowledge necessary to develop an investigation. Classroom lectures include blocks of instruction on The Evolution of Drug Abuse, Link Analysis, Sources of Information, Consensual Encounters, Analysis of Telephone Data, Legal Aspects, Specialized Electronics, Conspiracy Investigations, Drug Identification, Undercover Operations and Informants, Surveillance Techniques, Search Warrants, and Raid and Arrest Procedures.

As the course proceeds, a simulated scenario provides investigative leads for the participants. Scenario events include surveillance situations, raid and arrest, and a mock courtroom trial.

On Thursday, May 18, 2006, beginning at 9:00am, the students will be participating in Raid and Arrest Field Exercises instructed by the Carson City SWAT. The exercises will be taking place most of the day in and around the Stewart State Facility in Carson City off Snyder Avenue.

On Friday, May 19, 2006, beginning at 8:00am, the students will begin a mock courtroom trial at Douglas County Courthouse. **Media representatives are invited to attend these exercises.**

Instructors and role players are from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Carson City Sheriff's Office, Douglas County District Attorney's Office, Rocky Mountain Information Network, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Nevada Department of Public Safety Director George Togliatti confirmed the training opportunities for rural law enforcement agencies. “This intense training will provide multi jurisdictional drug task forces great information and practical, hands on education for waging the battle against illegal drug trafficking.”

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Students attending the two week Drug Training for Investigators course are from law enforcement agencies in New Mexico; California; Saipan; and Nevada, to include the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Carson City Sheriff’s Office, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Boulder City Police Department, Elko Combined Narcotics Unit, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Mineral County Sheriff’s Office, Nevada Division of State Parks, Southern Area Interdiction Narcotics Task Force, Tri-County Drug Enforcement Team, and the Reno DEA Task Force.

For more information on the training, contact Detective Rory Planeta at the Department of Public Safety at (775) 684-7440.

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